

# O CLAP YOUR HANDS TOGETHER

from *Musica Deo sacra* (London, 1668)

Psalm 47

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MEDIUS  
*Treble*

CONTRATENOR  
*Altos I & II*

TENOR  
*Tenor*

BASSUS  
*Bass*

PARS ORGANICA

O sing un-to God with the voice of me-

O sing un-to God with the voice of me-

O sing un-to God with the voice of

Verse Chorus

O clap your hands to-ge-ther, all ye peo - ple. O sing un-to God with the voice of

O sing un-to God with the voice of me-

The musical score is written for five parts: Medius (Treble), Contratenor (Altos I & II), Tenor, Bassus (Bass), and Pars Organica. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into a Verse and a Chorus. The Tenor part has a distinct melodic line in the Verse, while the other vocal parts and the organ provide harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'O clap your hands to-ge-ther, all ye peo - ple. O sing un-to God with the voice of me-'. The organ part consists of two staves, treble and bass, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

*Transposed up a minor third; original note values.*

*A note for those unfamiliar with English cathedral practice: Decani (Dec.) and Cantoris (Can.) refer to the two halves of the choir, placed on the south and north sides of the chancel, respectively, in a church with an altar at its Eastern end.*

Tomkins - O clap your hands

4

Tr *Dec.*  
- lo - dy. For the Lord is high and to be fear - ed: he

A I *Dec.*  
- lo - dy. For the Lord is high and to be fear - ed: he is the great

A II *Dec.*  
me - lo - dy. For the Lord is high and to be fear - ed:

T *Dec.*  
me - lo - dy. For the Lord is high and to be fear - ed: he is the

B *Dec.*  
- lo - dy. For the Lord is high and to be fear - ed: he is the great

8

Tr *Can.*  
is the great King up - on all the earth. He shall sub - due the

A I *Can.*  
King, the great King up - on all the earth. He shall sub - due the

A II *Can.*  
he is the great King up - on all the earth. He shall sub - due the

T *Can.*  
great King up - on all the earth. He shall sub - due the

B *Can.*  
King up - on all the earth. He shall sub - due the

12

Tr  
peo-ple un - der us, and the na - ti - ons un - der our \_\_\_\_\_

A I  
peo - ple un - der us, and the na - ti - ons un - der our \_\_\_\_\_

A II  
peo - ple un - der us, and the na - ti - ons un - der \_\_\_\_\_

T  
peo - ple un - der us, and the na - ti - ons un - der our \_\_\_\_\_

B  
peo - ple un - der us, and the na - ti - ons un - der our \_\_\_\_\_

16

Tr  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. He shall choose out an he - ri - tage for us, ev'n the wor - ship of  
Dec.

A I  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. He shall choose out an he - ri - tage for us, ev'n the wor - ship of  
Dec.

A II  
our feet. He shall choose out an he - ri - tage for us, ev'n the wor - ship of  
Dec.

T  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. He shall choose out an he - ri - tage for us, ev'n the wor - ship of  
Dec.

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. He shall choose out an he - ri - tage for us, ev'n the wor - ship of  
Dec.

Tomkins - *O clap your hands*

20 *Can.*

Tr  
Ja - cob whom he lov'd. God is gone up with a mer-ry noise, and the Lord with the sound

A I  
Ja-cob whom he lov'd. God is gone up with a mer-ry noise, and the Lord with the sound

A II  
Ja-cob whom he lov - ed. God is gone up with a mer-ry noise, and the Lord with the sound

T  
Ja - cob whom he lov'd. God is gone up with a mer-ry noise, and the Lord with the sound

B  
Ja - cob whom he lov'd. God is gone up with a mer-ry noise, and the Lord with the sound

24 (Dec.)

Tr  
of the trump. O sing prais - es, sing prais - es to our God, O sing prais - es, sing

A I  
of the trump. O sing prais - es, sing prais - es un-to our God, O sing prais - es, sing

A II  
of the trump. O sing prais - es, sing prais - es un - to our God, O sing prais - es, sing

T  
of the trump. O sing prais - es, sing prais - es un - to our God, O sing prais - es, sing

B  
of the trump. O sing prais - es, sing prais - es to our God, O sing prais - es, sing

Tomkins - O clap your hands

28 (Can.)

Tr  
 prais - es to our King. For God is King of all the earth, sing ye  
 Can.

A I  
 prais - es un - to our King. For God is King of all the earth, sing ye  
 Can.

A II  
 prais - es to our King. For God is King of all the earth, sing ye  
 Can.

T  
 prais - es un - to our King. For God is King of all the earth, sing ye  
 Can.

B  
 prais - es to our King. For God is King of all the earth, sing ye  
 Can.

32 (Dec.)

Tr  
 prais - es with un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - ver the hea - then,  
 Dec.

A I  
 prais - es with un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - ver the hea - then,  
 Dec.

A II  
 prais - es with un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - ver the hea - then,  
 Dec.

T  
 prais - es with un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - ver the hea - then,  
 Dec.

B  
 prais - es with un - der - stand - ing. God reign - eth o - ver the hea - then,  
 Dec.

(Can.)

36

Tr  
God sit - teth up - on his ho - ly seat. The prin - ces of the peo -  
Can.

A I  
God sit - teth up - on his ho - ly seat. The prin - ces of the peo -  
Can.

A II  
God sit - teth up - on his ho - ly seat. The prin - ces of the peo -  
Can.

T  
God sit - teth up - on his ho - ly seat. The prin - ces of the peo -  
Can.

B  
God sit - teth up - on his ho - ly seat. The prin - ces of the peo -  
Can.

40

Tr  
ple are join'd un - to the peo - ple of the God of A - bra - ham:

A I  
ple are join'd un - to the peo - ple of the God of A - bra - ham:

A II  
ple are join'd un - to the peo - ple of the God of A - bra - ham:

T  
ple are join - ed un - to the peo - ple of the God of A - bra - ham:

B  
ple are join'd un - to the peo - ple of the God of A - bra - ham:

44

Tr  
for God, which is ve - ry high ex - alt - ed, doth de - fend the earth, as

A I  
for God, which is ve - ry high ex - alt - ed, doth de - fend the earth, as

A II  
for God, which is ve - ry high ex - alt - ed, doth de - fend the earth, as it

T  
for God, which is ve - ry high ex - alt - ed, doth de - fend the earth,

B  
for God, which is ve - ry high ex - alt - ed, doth de - fend the earth, as

48 (Dec.)

Tr  
it were with \_\_\_\_\_ a shield. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
Dec.

A I  
it were with a shield. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
Dec.

A II  
were with a \_\_\_\_\_ shield. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
Dec.

T  
as it were with a \_\_\_\_\_ shield. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
Dec.

B  
it were with a shield. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
Dec.

Tomkins - *O clap your hands*

(Can.)

52

Tr  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now,  
Can.

A I  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now,  
(Can.)

A II  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now,  
Can.

T  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now,  
Can.

B  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now,  
Can.

56

Tr  
and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

A I  
and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

A II  
and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

T  
and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

B  
and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.